

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicants:** BLACKSHEAR, Wm. M. Jr.; HAGEMEIERS, Ralph F. and FISCHER, Louise

**For:** Management Method of Persons At Risk of Complications  
of Arterial Occlusive Disease

JOINT DECLARATION ACCOMPANYING PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, each of us hereby declares that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

Each of us believes we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled above.

Each of us hereby states that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims and drawings.

Each of us acknowledges the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this patent application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

Each of us hereby declares that we do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication more than one year before the filing date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year before the date of this patent application, that said invention has not been patented or made the subject of any inventor's certificate issued before the filing date of this patent application in any country foreign to the United States of America on any application filed by each of us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the filing date of this patent application in the United States of America, and has not been abandoned.

Each of us hereby claims the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

None

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each of us hereby appoints Arthur W. Fisher, III Registration No. 26,453 of Suite 316, 5553 West Waters Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33634, (813) 885-2006, as our attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Each of us hereby declares that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**JOINT DECLARATIONS CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
INDEPENDENT INVENTORS**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Each of us qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above entitled invention.

Neither of us have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and are under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which either of us have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or are under an obligation under contract of law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ( ) no such person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 C.F.R. 1.27)
- ( ) Individual identified below
- (X) Small Business Concern identified below
- ( ) Nonprofit Organization identified below

**NAME:** TRI-MED MANAGEMENT, INC.  
**ADDRESS:** 631 Sixth Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

Each of us acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of change in status resulting in loss or entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date of which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. 1.28(b))

Each of us hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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William M. Blackshear, Jr., Joint Inventor

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Ralph F. Hagemeier, Joint Inventor

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Louise Fischer, Joint Inventor

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, William M. Blackshear, Jr. of 107 Windward Island, Clearwater, Florida 33767, Ralph F. Hagemeyer of 14100 Kensington Oak Place, Largo, Florida 33774 and Louise Fischer of 1455 Willow Brook Drive, Palm Harbor, Florida 34683, citizens of the United States of America, are joint inventors of a certain new and useful improvement in: *Management Method of Persons At Risk of Complications of Arterial Occlusive Disease* for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, TRI-MED MANAGEMENT, INC., organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida, and having its principal place of business at 631 Sixth Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701, is desirous of acquiring all right, title and interest in and to the invention, and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations to us in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, all right, title and interest in and to the invention as fully set forth and described in the specification prepared and executed by us on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date), preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefore, together with all future improvements thereon and additions thereto, and United States patent applications which may be made therefore and any and all divisional and continuing applications therefore, and the patents which may be thereupon issued, and any and all rights to file applications and receive patents in countries foreign to the United States, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by either of us had this assignment and sale not been made; and we hereby agree to sign all necessary papers in connection with the prosecution and assignment of each and every application.

AND, we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to Assignee of all right, title and interest in and to the same for Assignee, successors and assigns.

We declare that all statements made herein of our individual knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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William M. Blackshear, Jr.

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### VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

**NAME OF CONCERN:** TRI-MED MANAGEMENT, INC.  
**ADDRESS OF CONCERN:** 631 Sixth Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.21.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled MANAGEMENT METHOD OF PERSONS AT RISK OF COMPLICATIONS OF ARTERIAL OCCLUSIVE DISEASE by inventor(s) William M. Blackshear, Jr., Ralph F. Hagemeyer and Louise Fischer described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith  
☐ application Serial No. (#), filed (DATE)  
☐ Patent No. U.S. (#), issued (DATE)

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a non profit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). \*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

None

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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**NAME OF PERSON SIGNING:** Ralph F. Hagemeyer  
**TITLE OF PERSON OTHER THAN OWNER:** Senior Vice President, CFO  
**ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING:** 631 Sixth Avenue South  
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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_